

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2006.

In the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1, independent claim 6 and claim 8. The claim amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification and add no new matter.

Applicants have amended the Abstract of the Disclosure to track the limitations found in independent claim 1.

As all of the pending claims now possess the requisite novelty and unobviousness over the prior art of record, notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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